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EDUCATION

Ph.D. **University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**, Macromolecular Science and Engineering December 2011

Dissertation Title: Self-organized Tethered Structures in Polymers under Confinement

Research Advisor: Peter F. Green

B.S. **Shanghai Jiao Tong University**, Applied Chemistry July 2005

Dissertation Title: Giant Polymeric Vesicles with Ion Channels – the Transmembrane Transfer of Ions

Research Advisor: Deyue Yan, Yongfeng Zhou

EXPERIENCE

R&D staff, Polymer Scientist – Oak Ridge National Laboratory April 2017
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- **PI**, DOE-EERE-VTO project “Polymer Electrolytes for Stable Low Impedance Solid State Battery Interfaces”, 10/2021 to 09/2026, 650K/year
- **Thrust 2 lead**, Fast and Cooperative Ion Transport in Polymer-Based Electrolytes (FaCT) EFRC, 08/2022 to 08/2026
- Co-PI, DOE-EERE-AMMTO, “Solventless Processing for Precise, Reliable, and Scalable Solid-State Battery Manufacturing”, 10/2023 to 09/2026
- **PI**, LDRD project “Welding Interfaces for a New Plastics Economy”, 10/2019 to 09/2021, 400K/year
- Co-PI, DOE-BES Field work proposal number ERKCZ06, “Ion Transport and Structural Evolution of Solid Electrolytes” 04/2017 to 09/2022
- Co-PI, DOE-EERE-VTO project “Composite Electrolyte to Stabilize Metallic Lithium Anodes”, 04/2017 to 09/2021

Senior Chemist – Dow Electronic Materials, Marlborough, MA July 2016
– April 2017

- Development of Next Generation Dielectrics for Fan-Out Wafer Level Packaging
- Development of Thermally Conductive Composite Thin Film

Postdoctoral Fellow – University of California, Berkeley/Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, California, CA. Principle Investigator: Nitash P. Balsara May 2012
– July 2016

- Development of Novel Block Copolymer Membranes for Drug Capture
- Water Management and Proton Transport in Block Copolymer Electrolyte Membranes
- Structure – Li Ion Transport Relationships in Block Copolymer Electrolyte Membranes

Graduate Student – University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI September 2005
Advisor: Peter F. Green – April 2012

- Nanoscale Morphology of Bulk Heterojunction Solar Cells
- Self-Assembly of Diblock Copolymer in Thin Film Homopolymers: Role of Entropy and Enthalpy
- Phase Behavior of Thin Film Homopolymer/Nanoparticle Mixtures
- Fluorescence Properties of Polymer Nanocomposites: Effect of Nanoparticle Size and Distribution

Undergraduate Researcher – Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Shanghai, China September 2004
Advisor: Deyue Yan, Yongfeng Zhou – July 2005

- Synthesized a hyper-branched polymer and examined its self-assembled structures.

Internship –Forschungszentrum Rossendorf, Dresden, Germany

May 2004
– August 2004

- Synthesized, purified and characterized of precursors for drugs used for cancer detection.

Undergraduate Researcher – The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology,
Hong Kong, China

September 2002
– January 2003

- Purified drugs for the treatment of malaria

PUBLICATIONS (first/corresponding author)

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3. Ock, J.-y.; Bhattacharya, A.; Wang, T.; Gainaru, C.; Wang, Y.; Browning, K. L.; Lehmann, M.; Rahman, M. A.; Chi, M.; Wang, F.; Keum, J.K.; Kearney, L.; Saito, T.; Dai, S.; Clément, R.J.; Sokolov, A.P.; **Chen, X.C.***, Percolating Interfacial Layers Enhance Conductivity in Polymer–Composite Electrolytes. *Macromolecules* **2024**, 57 (15), 7489-7498.
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6. Owensby, K. D.; Sahore, R.; Tsai, W.-Y.; **Chen, X. C.*** Understanding and controlling lithium morphology in solid polymer and gel polymer systems: mechanisms, strategies, and gaps. *Materials Advances* **2023**, 10.1039/D3MA00274H.
7. **Chen, X. C.***; Soulen, C.; Burdette-Trofimov, M. K.; Tang, X.; Liu, C.; Heroux, L.; Doucet, M.; Tyagi, M.; Veith, G. M. Origin of rate limitations in solid-state polymer batteries from constrained segmental dynamics within the cathode. *Cell Reports Physical Science* **2023**, 4, 101538. DOI: 10.1016/j.xcrp.2023.101538
8. Zheng, J.; Arifuzzaman, M.; Tang, X.; **Chen, X.C.***; Saito, T.* Recent development of end-of-life strategies for plastic in industry and academia: bridging their gap for future deployment. *Materials Horizons* **2023**, doi:10.1039/D2MH01549H. **Journal Cover**
9. Sahore, R., Armstrong, B. L., Tang, X., Liu, C., Owensby, K., Kalnaus, S., **Chen, X. C.***, Role of Scaffold Architecture and Excess Surface Polymer Layers in a 3D-Interconnected Ceramic/Polymer Composite Electrolyte. *Adv. Energy Mater.* **2023**, 2203663. **Journal Cover**
10. Tsai, W.-Y.; **Chen, X. C.***; Kalnaus, S.; Sahore, R.; Du, Z.; Westover, A. S., Li Morphology Evolution during Initial Cycles in a Gel Composite Polymer Electrolyte. *ACS Applied Energy Materials* **2022**, 5, 9, 11362–11369.
11. Tang, X.; Liu, C.; Keum, J.; Chen, J.; Dial, B. E.; Wang, Y.; Tsai, W.-Y.; Bras, W.; Saito, T.; Bowland, C. C.; **Chen, X. C.***, Upcycling of semicrystalline polymers by compatibilization: mechanism and location of compatibilizers. *RSC Advances* **2022**, 12, 10886-10894.
12. Liu, C.; Tang, X.; Wang, Y.; Sacci, R. L.; Bras, W.; Keum, J. K.; **Chen, X. C.***, Ionic Conductivity Enhancement of Polymer Electrolytes by Directed Crystallization. *ACS Macro Letters* **2022**, 11, 595-602. **Journal Cover.**
13. Liu, C.; Sacci, R. L.; Sahore, R.; Veith, G. M.; Dudney, N. J.; **Chen, X. C.***, Polyacrylonitrile-based

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19. **Chen, X. C.***; Sacchi, R. L.; Osti, N. C.; Tyagi, M.; Wang, Y.; Palmer, M. J.; Dudney, N. J., Study of segmental dynamics and ion transport in polymer–ceramic composite electrolytes by quasi-elastic neutron scattering. *Molecular Systems Design & Engineering* **2019**, 4, 379-385.
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23. **Chen, X. C.**, Oh, H.J., Yu, J.F., Yang, J.K., Petzetakis, N., Patel, A.S., Hetts, S.W., Balsara, N.P., "Block Copolymer Membranes for Efficient Capture of a Chemotherapy Drug", *ACS Macro Letters*, **2016**, vol.5, 936-941. (Editor's choice)
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PUBLICATIONS (minor contribution)

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MENTORING EXPERIENCE

- Fati Lukeman, University of Notre Dame, January 2025 to present
- Dr. Peyton Carden, Feb 2025 to present
- Abigail Lee, RSI intern, June 2023 to April 2024.
- Oliver Long, RSI intern, June 2024 to August 2024.

- Kyra Owensby, graduate student, May 2022 to present, NSF Fellowship awardee
- Dr. Jiyoung Ock, postdoctoral fellow, April 2023 to present
- Dr. Changhao Liu, postdoctoral fellow, February 2020 to February 2022
- Dr. Xiaomin Tang, postdoctoral fellow, February 2020 to August 2022
- Dr. Ritu Sahore, postdoctoral fellow, February 2021 to December 2021
- Max Palmer, SULI intern, May 2019 to May 2020
- Charles Soulen, HERE intern, October 2019 to April 2020
- Dr. Xiaoming Liu, postdoctoral fellow, Sep 2018 to June 2019
- Dr. Amaresh Pandian, postdoctoral fellow, April 2017 to March 2019

INVITED TALKS

1. “Single-ion conducting polymer electrolytes: ion transport, critical current density, and performance”, ACS Spring 2025, 03/24/2025, San Diego, CA
2. “Conductivity Enhancement in Composite Polymer Electrolytes with Superionic Ceramics”, GRC-Polymer Physics, 7/23/2024, Mt Holyoke College, MA
3. “Effect of Interfaces on the Structure and Segmental Dynamics of Polymer Electrolyte in Solid-State Batteries”, American Conference on Neutron Scattering (ACNS), 6/25/2024, Knoxville, TN
4. “The Effect of Morphology on Ion Transport and Electrochemical Performance in Polymer-Based Composite Electrolytes”, APS March Meeting, Mar 7th, 2024, Minneapolis, MN.
5. “Ion transport and performance analysis in polymer composite electrolytes”, ACS Spring 2024, Mar 17-21, New Orleans, LA.
6. “Polymer-Ceramic Composite Electrolyte for Solid-State Batteries”, invited lecture, University of Tennessee, 2/1/2024, Knoxville, TN
7. “Polymer-Ceramic Composite Electrolyte for Solid-State Batteries”, invited lecture, Vanderbilt University, 11/1/2023, Nashville, TN
8. “Understanding interfaces in polymer based solid-state batteries”, ACS Fall meeting 2023, 08/15/2023, San Francisco, CA
9. “Understanding interfaces in polymer composite solid-state batteries”, The National Graduate Research Polymer Conference, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 06/2023, Ann Arbor, MI
10. “Ion transport and interface resistance in polymer-based composite electrolytes and composite cathode”, ECS 243th meeting, 5/29/2023, Boston, MA
11. “Ion Transport and Segmental Dynamics of Polymer Electrolytes at Interfaces”, ACS Fall Meeting 2022, 08/2022, Chicago, IL
12. “Polymer-ceramic composite electrolyte for high energy lithium batteries”, APS March Meeting 2022, 03/2022, Chicago, IL/virtual
13. “Ion transport in polymer-ceramic composite electrolytes”, Notre Dame University, 8/13/2021, virtual
14. “Ion transport in soft-hard hybrid materials”, Seton Hall University, October 2020, Virtual.
15. “Challenges in Enabling Li Metal Anode—A Composite Electrolyte Approach”, MRS Fall Meeting, Nov. 27 – Dec. 4th, 2020, Virtual.

PRESENTATIONS

1. “The Effect of Particle Size and Spatial Distribution on The Ion Transport Barrier in Polymer-Ceramic Composite Electrolytes”, MRS Spring meeting 2024, 04/2024, Seattle, WA
2. “Study of the structure and segmental dynamics of solid-polymer-based composite cathode”, APS March Meeting 2023, 03/2023, Las Vegas, NV
3. “Li morphology evolution during initial cycling in a gel composite electrolyte”, ACS Fall Meeting 2023, 08/2023, San Francisco, CA
4. “Ion Transport in Polyacrylonitrile (PAN) Based Electrolytes”, APS March Meeting 2022, 03/2022, Chicago, IL/virtual.

5. "Effect of Interfaces on the Segmental Dynamics of Polymer Electrolyte in Lithium Ion Batteries", APS March Meeting 2021, 03/2021, virtual
6. "Thin Solid Composite Electrolyte with Three-Dimensional Interconnected Structure", *MRS Fall Meeting*, December 1-6, **2019**, Boston, Massachusetts.
7. "Gel Composite Electrolyte Membrane for Lithium Metal Batteries", *MRS Fall Meeting*, December 1-6, **2019**, Boston, Massachusetts.
8. "Role of ion transporting species in the synthesis of organic/inorganic hybrids", poster presentation at the *BES Synthesis and Processing Science Principal Investigators' Meeting*, Gaithersburg, MD , July 17 – 19, **2019**
9. "Challenge Facing Solid Electrolytes for Batteries", *14th China-US Electric Vehicle and Battery Technology Information Exchange*, March 30-31, **2019**, Shaoxing, China
10. "Study of Segmental Dynamics in Polymer-Ceramic Composite Electrolytes using Quasi-elastic Neutron Scattering", *APS March Meeting*, March 4–8, **2019**, Boston, Massachusetts.
11. "Structure and Ion Transport at Polymer-Ceramic Electrolyte Interface", *MRS Fall Meeting*, November 25-30, **2018**, Boston, Massachusetts.
12. "Composite Electrolyte to Stabilize Metallic Lithium Anodes", presented at the *VTO BMR Electrolyte Meeting*, October 11-12, **2018**, Berkeley, California.
13. "Composite Electrolyte to Stabilize Metallic Lithium Anodes", poster presentation at the *DOE Vehicle Technologies Program, Annual Merit Review and Peer Evaluation Meeting*, June **2018**.
14. "Study of Ion Conductivity and Chain Dynamics in Polymer-Ceramic Composite Electrolytes", *APS March Meeting*, March 5–9, **2018**, Los Angeles, California.
15. "Nanodomain Swelling of Water-Equilibrated Block Copolymer Electrolyte Membranes", *Amerian Physical Society March Meeting*, March 13–17, **2017**; New Orleans, Louisiana.
16. "Morphology, Water Uptake and Proton Conductivity in Porous Block Copolymer Electrolyte Membranes", *Annual Meeting of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers*, Salt Lake City, UT, Nov 10, **2015**.
17. "Morphology and Proton Transport in Porous Block Copolymer Electrolyte Membranes", *Amerian Physical Society March Meeting*, San Antonio, TX, **2015**.
18. "Nanoporous block copolymer electrolyte membranes for proton transport", *248th ACS National Meeting and Exposition*, **2014**.
19. "Morphology and Proton Transport in Sulfonated Block Copolymer and Mesoporous Polymer Electrolyte Membranes", *Amerian Physical Society March Meeting*, **2014**.
20. "Morphology and Proton Transport in Sulfonated Block Copolymer and Mesoporous Polymer Electrolyte Membranes", *Amerian Physical Society March Meeting*, **2013**.
21. "Micelle Formation of Diblock Copolymers in Thin Film Homopolymers and Homopolymer Blends", *Amerian Physical Society March Meeting*, **2010**.
22. "Exploring the Effects of New Processing Methods on the Nanoscale Morphology and Photocurrents in Organic Photovoltaics" poster presentation, *the International Workshop for SPM for Energy Applications at Oak Ridge National Lab*, **2010**.
23. "Control of the spatial distribution of nanoparticles in fluorescent polymer nanocomposites", *Amerian Physical Society March Meeting*, **2009**.
24. "Fluorescence quenching in MEH-PPV based nanocomposites", poster presentation, *Polymer Physics Gordon Research Conference*, **2008**

HONORS AND AWARDS

- American Chemical Society PMSE Division Young Investigator Award, 08/2022
- Student Scholarship Award, Int'l Workshop for SPM for Energy Applications 09/2010
- Gordon Research Conference Graduate Student Fellowship, 06/2008
- National Starch and Chemical Company Award 10/2006
- University of Michigan Regents Fellowship 01/2006
- Most Outstanding Graduate, Shanghai Jiao Tong University 04/2005

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- American Physical Society (APS), member since 2008
- APS Division of Polymer Physics (DPOLY), member since 2009
- American Chemical Society (ACS), member since 2014
- ACS Division of Polymeric Materials Science and Engineering (PMSE), member since 2021
- The Electrochemical Society (ECS), member since 2022